



## Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting Monday, August 14, 2017 - 6:00 PM Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC

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### Those in attendance:

Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.  
Councilman Billy G. Richardson  
Councilman Benton Blakely  
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Vice Chairman W.J. Frierson  
Councilman AC English  
County Administrator, David W. Epperson

**Press in attendance:** Jim Hilley – The Item, Bobby Baker – The Manning Times

### Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony	Joe Witt	Nancy Cave	Tammy Rodvansky	John Shandon	Sue Avin
Shirley Black-Oliver	Princess Lang	Marilyn Wilson	Frances Richbourg	Billy Ward	Missy Ward
Tim Baxley	Bea Simon	Ernest Cooper	Linda Lemon	Jackson Nathaniel	
Michael Regenovich	Sharon Ridgeway		And other Clarendon County Residents		

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with opening comments. Vice Chairman Frierson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

### I Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the agenda for August 14, 2017.

### II. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Regular Council Meeting, which was held on July 10, 2017.

### III. Service Awards Recognition

Prior to the business session of the Regular Council Meeting, Chairman Stewart, Administrator Epperson, and Linda Lemon, Director of Human Resources, presented four employees with service awards. The awards were presented as listed:

- Joye Morris 10 Years
- Billy Ray Ward 10 Years
- Brenda House 15 Years
- Shirley Black-Oliver 25 Years

Chairman Stewart and Administrator Epperson thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication.

### IV. Proclamation to the family of Mr. O'Donnell "Prime" McKenzie

Chairman Stewart and Council Blakely presented a Proclamation to the family of the Late Mr. O'Donnell "Prime" McKenzie who departed this life on June 12, 2017 at the rich age of 102.

## **V. Request**

Sheriff Tim Baxley presented Council with a request for approval to add one (1) School Resource Officer position. He stated that this position would be placed at the Clarendon School District Two – Monarch Academy in Alcolu. Sheriff Baxley continued by stating that the Officers that work as a School Resource Officer (SRO) are SROs because they choose to be a SRO. No one is forced to be a SRO.

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the request made by Sheriff Tim Baxley to add a School Resource Officer position to Clarendon School District Two - Monarch Academy in Alcolu.

- Chairman Stewart asked Sheriff Baxley is there a plan in place to handle the influx of people that would be visiting Clarendon County on the day of the Solar Eclipse.
- Sheriff Baxley responded by stating that there is a written plan in place for that day.
- Councilman Blakely asked Sheriff Baxley why Clarendon District III only has one Resource Officer.
- Sheriff Baxley responded by stating that Clarendon III only budgeted for one resource officer. The Officer that works Clarendon District III travels farther between schools than any other school district. He concluded by stating that when Clarendon III adds another resource officer to their budget, he would come back before Council and request another resource officer's position.

## **VI. Resolution**

Chairman Stewart stated that he received information asking Clarendon County to approve a Resolution in Support of prescribed Fire. He stated that the prescribed fire provides multiple ecological, economic, and cultural benefits to the citizens of Clarendon County, it is a valuable tool used by forest landowners and managers in reducing hazardous fuels.

On Motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Resolution in Support of Prescribed Fire.

## **VII. Ordinance 2017-04**

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2017-04 – An Ordinance of the County Council of Clarendon, South Carolina to Amend Clarendon County Ordinance #2011-05 A/K/A the County's Unified Development Code.

## **VIII. Ordinance 2017-05**

Administrator Epperson presented Council with Ordinance 2017-05 – An Ordinance to Authorize and establish an Organizational Structure of the Clarendon County Development Board and to set forth its Duties and Responsibilities. He stated that board membership shall be comprised of eleven (11) members:

- Three (3) Board seats shall represent Clarendon District One
- Four (4) Board seats shall represent Clarendon District Two
- Three (3) Board seats shall represent Clarendon District Three
- One (1) Board seats shall be at large and represent the County as a whole

Administrator Epperson concluded by stating that all board members shall be appointed for a 3-Year term. County Council can remove someone from the board and appoint ceremonial and ex-officio members as it sees fit.

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the First Reading of Ordinance 2017-05 – An Ordinance to Authorize and establish an Organizational Structure of the Clarendon County Development Board and to set forth its Duties and Responsibilities.

## **IX. Ordinance 2017-06**

Administrator Epperson presented Council with Ordinance 2017-06 – An Ordinance of the County Council, South Carolina to amend the County's Official Zoning Map Designation for Tax Map Parcel #'s 087-00-01-004-00 & 086-00-01-001-00; From Agriculture I (AGI) to Agriculture II (AGII) and Providing an Effective Date.

Administrator Epperson stated that in July the Planning Commission voted to not recommend the request to amend the County's Official Zoning Map changing from AGI to AGII to be used for a Solar Farm.

- Councilman Blakely asked why did the Planning Commission vote to not recommend this parcel.
- Administrator Epperson reply by stating that the Planning Commission thought that the parcel did not meet the standard for a Solar Farm but according to the standard, the parcel meets all requirements.

Administrator Epperson concluded by stating that this change would bring a significant increase in revenue to the county.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the First Reading of Ordinance 2017-06 – An Ordinance of the County Council, South Carolina to amend the County's Official Zoning Map Designation for Tax Map Parcel #'s 087-00-01-004-00 & 086-00-01-001-00; From Agriculture I (AGI) to Agriculture II (AGII) and Providing an Effective Date.

## **X. Financial Report**

Mr. Lynden Anthony, CFO, began his report by stating the following:

- **The General Fund** had Expenditures of \$1,720,271 and Revenue figures were not available as of July 31, 2017.
- **Water and Sewer Department** had Operating Revenue of \$63,313 and Operating Expenses of \$41,365 as of July 31, 2017. He stated that after depreciation, Bond interest expense, and interest income the Water and Sewer Department had Net Utility Loss of \$11,502.
- **Weldon Auditorium** total Revenue for the month ending July 31, 2017 was \$0, and total Expenses of \$7,230. He stated that there were no transfers from the General Fund, Hospitality Tax or Accommodations Fund for the month of July, the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of July 2017 with a deficit of \$7,230.
- **The C-Fund Program** for the month of July 2017 had a Cash Balance of \$1,263,564 of which \$754,320 has been committed to remaining local paving projects, State Construction Projects in Progress and State Proviso Funds. He concluded his report by stating that the C-Fund Program had an Uncommitted Balance of \$509,244 as of the end of July 2017.

## **XI. Administrator's Report**

Administrator Epperson began his report by giving Council an update on the following projects:

- **USDA Phase II** – Easement acquisition is underway and doing well.
- **DSS Facility** – Construction is moving along on schedule. Anticipated completion date is the end of 2017.

- **Wyboo Firestation** – Notice of intent to Disturb (NOI) has been approved by Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). We are working to mark wetlands and boundaries so clearing can begin. Santee Cooper has agreed to assist with this task.
- **FTC** – a contested case has been filed with the Administrative Law Court. There are ten public entities involved with us contesting this matter: Clarendon, Sumter, Lee, Williamsburg and Florence Counties, Clarendon School District Two, Williamsburg School District, and Florence School Districts 1 and 3.
- **Old HWY 301 Bridge** – South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) has permanently closed the bridge due to unsafe conditions on the bridge. An engineering study was done on the bridge and determined that the bridge was unsafe for pedestrian traffic. Fencing is being installed to prevent people from accessing the bridge.
- **County Offices** – For the Solar Eclipse all non-essential County Offices will close at 12 pm on Monday, August 21, 2017 and reopen on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 8:30.

## **XII. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Stewart began his report by stating that he attended the South Carolina Association of Counties Annual Conference and was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Association of Counties. He continued by stating that Ms. Marilyn Fletcher resigned from the Planning Commission Board and the Council of Governments is seeking to fill the position of Chairman since the departure of Mr. Michael Mikota.

- Mr. John Patrick Hanley, Lake Marion Shores, stated that he lived here for five years and he stated that a section of Lake Marion Shores, which is about 1/10 of a mile, is not paved. He continued by stating that this 1/10 of a mile unpaved section of Lake Marion Shores has 26 potholes. Mr. Hanley continued by stating that there are 6 homes on that 1/10 of a mile section and that section of road has not been plowed in the 5 years that he lived here. Mr. Hanley concluded by stating that there are 30 homes on Lake Marion Shores and it is one of the highest taxed areas in Clarendon County. He stated that since paving is being done in that area and the equipment is already onsite, would it be possible to have that 1/10 section on Lake Marion Shores paved.
- Chairman Stewart asked Administrator Epperson to look into what was presented by Mr. Hanley.

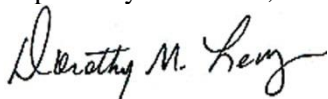
## **XIII. Adjournment**

Chairman Stewart stated that we have exhausted our agenda and he asked for a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting.

On motion by Councilmen Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the Council Meeting.

The Council Meeting ended at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy  
Clerk to Clarendon County Council

